

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date May 11, 1989

Full name James H. Steele
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Oswego. State New York Zip Code 13126

Date of birth 9/55 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 33 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion _____ Nationality _____

Occupation Unemployed

Education _____

Weight 260 lbs. Height 5'8" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single Children None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name _____

Scouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
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Ontario District Committee			08608		
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Special recognition IO #007222

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

Convicted of second degree sexual abuse.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Hiawatha — #373

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JUN 19 1989

JOSEPH L ANGLIM

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F. STARON

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015 2079

October 1, 1990

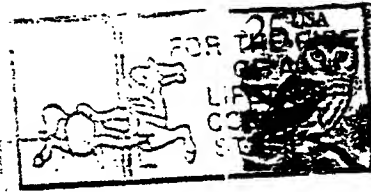
TO: PAUL ERNST-S108

Paul, can you give us details on this? This is third letter we have received from Steele since July.

Obviously, he is not getting what he wants from us. Has he had a local review?

Ben H. Love
214 580-2004
5-100

James Steele
[Redacted]
over 12.9
13124



Mr Ben Love
Walnut Hill Lane
[Redacted]

Irving Texas
75015-2079

Dear Mr Love

I am writing this letter to find out what is the outcome of the letters I have sent to you about what is going on. They say that is going on is all bad people are going on here. The one is doing all this still [REDACTED] he is doing things that he is doing things by the book and do not take part in camp out and the O.A. the camp out is in Osage County and he is the D.C. [REDACTED] sign up his wife and son in the O.A. and they did not show up at all for the full ordeal at all. The last letter that sent to you that I will get letters for you and I will get them if you want let me know.

your truly
James B. Lee



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
214-580-2000

November 21, 1990

James H. Steele
[REDACTED]

Oswego, NY 13126

Dear Mr. Steele:

On November 21, 1990 a review committee comprised of volunteer members of the Executive Board of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America conducted a review of the denial of your registration in the Boy Scouts of America.

Please be advised that it was the decision of this review committee to uphold the action of the Regional Review Committee in denying your registration.

Cordially,

Ben H. Love
Chief Scout Executive

HS/hr

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cc: William J. Moran, Scout Executive, Hiawatha Council
Rudolph Flythe, Regional Director, Northeast Region
Paul Ernst, National Director Registration Service

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JUN 18 1991

To Mr Ball

I have sent you
to get back in the
DSA, I have told lot
people that you have
told me and they
have told me it
was wrong what
has been done. I
~~we~~ have told my
lawyer about it and
he told my what
to do. he had said
go to write bring
a law suit, all
you there and
millional for \$50,000

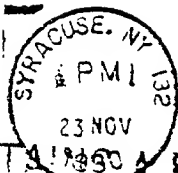
and all ~~the~~ courts
court and i will
do what if you let
into the BSA, it
is up to you all
if you dont i will
do what my lawyer
said and i will
do it. Then i will
go to the media
and tell all what
is going on with
the BSA.

Mr James Steele
P.S I like here from
you soon

W. A. Sir

I am writing this letter saying that had so many people saying that I can get back in to the BSA after 2 years and it had been over 2 years and I went to know how come. I have sent letters asking if I can have a meeting with you let me know when you can. I have made a lot of friends in the BSA and they also made at the things that they did to me. I like some thing done now or is with lawyer about last suit.

Mr James Steel



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PROCESSING TO MAIL SERVICE

Mr Ben Love

Irving Texas

75015-2079

1325 West Walnut Hill Lane

De. - Mr Ball

Just to say that i am
having my lawyer take
you all there in to court
on a appeal and hope for
a law suit at a time
and will have your gov
on the line, I will be
sending a letter to Mr Love
and i will tell be about
it, I have sent letters about
getting back in and you
have not told me are
worth away and you all
told me all this, This
is the last time that
sending you all a letter
and i want back in.

James Steele

James Steele
Oswego N.Y.
13126

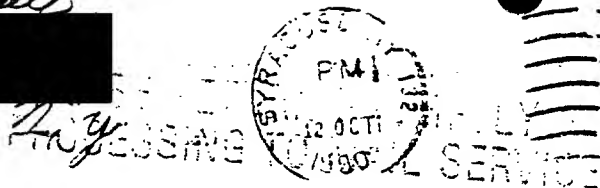


Mr Charles L Ball

Dayton New Jersey
08510 - 0350
C/O Northeast
Region

James L. Lee

Oswego
13126



Mr Ben Love
1325 West Walnut
P.O. Box 100

Irving Texas
75015-2079

Dear Mr Love
I am sending this
letter on the letters that
have sent to you about
the bad things been going
here Oswego County in
scouts. The charges that
i been charged with is all
false and did not have any
thing with scouts, i like
to know if i can reply
from you what i can
do about the bad play
that is going on here.
It has been 2 years "Deny"
i can get in the BSA and
deny 3 times and i am at
that point were i have
to take to my lawyer
on it and i do not
~~know~~ want to it coming
to that point where

i am going to court
things like this. I like
to get back in to the
BSA with your backing
from you. What i was
telling you is all true
and in all the letters
that sent to you and if
you a copy of discharge
i will send you a copy
I am ending this letter
and what to here from
you soon.

your
truly
James
Stella

October 3, 1990

SUBJECT: JAMES H. STEELE
From: Paul Ernst, S108
To: Harold Sokolsky, S400

I have reviewed our file on James Steele and find that he was placed on our file originally in early 1989. This was caused by him being charged with sexual abuse of a young girl. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years probation.

Mr. Steele has apparently been removed from probation and requested a Regional Review. The Regional Review Committee upheld the decision of the local council to deny him registration.

I believe all the letters we are receiving from Mr. Steele are really requesting a National Review. They do not come out and say that, but I believe that is what he really wants. There are some handicap or mental problems with Mr. Steele and it may be that he cannot express himself well.

Perhaps, we could end this whole thing if we conducted a National Review and upheld the council and region. This might end all the mail which keeps coming to us over the months.

Let me know if you need more information.

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READY TO FILE

OCT 04 1990

ERIN O'RILEY

Rec'd
Received 9-19-80

sent to NER & Encl

Dear Mr Love

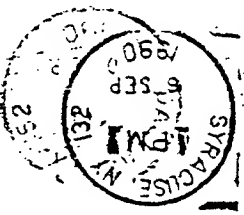
Just a note to tell you
if you could for me from my
last letter I sent to you I because
I am write this time every
one is in here wants to
know why I am not back in
I can not tell them - why I have
not got a thing to tell them
if you still want me to get
letters I will get them I have
things that I did about Mr John
I will that is true and I am
upset about it, I have my
D.C. to help us but as he can
this is all I like to have
from you soon

from

James Ste 2

James Ste 2
75013-2079

Mr Ben I got
1325 West
Bill Lane



SEP 10 1990

Dear Mr Bull

I am writing this letter so i ~~that~~ that i like to know why i did not here from you from my last letter. I have told a lot of people that is going on there and i have told Mr Love about it to and what is for him to get back with me. I have the D E for here helping me out and if i have to i will be in the line to help with the O.A. if i don't here ~~from~~ from you soon.

frome

James S. Lee

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AUG 3 1990

7/31/90

Dear Mr Ball

I am writing to find out
way i did not hear from
you, and i want to know
way i was deny to get back
in to OSA. There is alot my
friends. to know way you people
deny my if you dont let my
know i will let them know
what is going on there is
one that tell and he is a Top
in the law ~~and~~ and he will
let me know what to do,
i have sent a letter to
Mr Love and i have told
him what is going on and
Baker-Poker that is going on.
so if i dont hear from you
i will send a letter to
Mr Love again.

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James S. Telle

7/13/90

Dear Mr. Love

just to say that i have a letter from Northeast Region that ~~for~~ they had deny me getting back in to the BSA. I had some letters from people that i have know for years and my mom and me. and i had a copy off discharge from probation that i have sent to. But i have talk with Mr. Blaker and my Executive. And my Executive reads out help me out. But Mr. Blaker said that will not help at all. I have had talked to people that i have know in the law and i know lower. I have told Mr. Blaker that would talk to him but he did not want to nice way and get my upset and i will not say more

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sick I like to have some
thing done to [REDACTED]
and there is more got on in
syracuse office and it is all
is bonky punky that is
going all the time with
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that
make all off us up here
sick and made. I like to
know what to do with the
two? if you like to have
letters I be gald to get them
for you. and copy off
discharge from probation I
will send it to you,
Barley

James S Teale

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7/14/90

Dear Mr Bell

To the letter that i got
deny me back in the BSA it
got me and my dad made and
sick and i got my dad so sick
i all most put him in the
hospital. what they did is all
call for. He has a slit heart
case and High B.P and surger
that is way i was in the BSA
I had to learn from people that
is and was in the BSA and if
you all dont let me back in i
will be talbring to my lawyer
and the D.A. on a \$50,000 lawsuit
and i will tell them all but
the habey pakey that ~~go~~ go on
I have sent a letter to Mr
Ben Love and Told him
what is going on. This is all
for now next time you here
from me will be my lawyer
Twitclay
James S. Peck

JAMES STEELE

FILE

original sent
to NER

7/13/90

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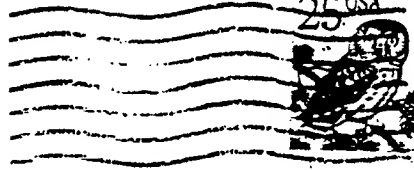
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and he deny me ~~the~~ help
his name is [REDACTED]

and I have 'saw him the
way he do things that make me
sick. I like to have some
thing done to ~~the~~ Mr Roll.
and there is more got on in
syracuse office and it is all
is bantay panty that is
going all the time with
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that
make all off us up here
sick and made. I like to
know what to do with the
two, if you like to have
letters i be gald to get them
for you. and copy off
discharge from porobation i
will send it to you,
thorly

James S. Tele

James Steele,

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Mr Ben Love



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Loring Tarcus
FOR
MAIL SERVICE



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Northeast Region
P.O. Box 350
Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350
Telephone: (201) 821-6500
Fax: (201) 821-0810

July 11, 1990

Mr. James H. Steele
[REDACTED]

Oswego, New York 13126

Dear Mr. Steele:

The Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America Review Committee supports the decision of the Hiawatha Council, Syracuse, New York, to deny your registration with the Boy Scouts of America.

The decision of the Northeast Region Review Committee to deny your registration is subject to a review by a National Council Review Committee. However, you must write within 30 days to the Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P. O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079, explaining why you believe the decision is in error before review proceedings will be initiated at the National level.

Sincerely,

CHARLES D. BALL
Assistant Regional Director

1236H

cc: Director, Registration Service
Scout Executive, Hiawatha Council

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[Redacted]

SYRACUSE, NY
PM
14 JUN
1990

DEFEAT
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
SUPPORT MUSCLE

Mr Charles D Ball

[Redacted]

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hered from the committee
when you sent me the
letter back in april.
I like to know what is
the hold up on it. If
i dont ~~to~~ here from you
soon i will send another
letter to Mr Ben Love
he gat one letter from
me and i think ~~it~~
like here from me 2.
The way things been
here has my dad mad
and upset almost having
my dad in the hospital.
and i dont want that.

Sincerely
James Gade



HIAWATHA COUNCIL, INC.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

600 WEST GENESEE STREET
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13204-2380
(315) 474-8574

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June 14, 1990

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Assistant Regional Director
Northeast Region, BSA
[REDACTED]
Dayton, NJ 08810-0350

Dear Charlie:

Here is another letter to add to the James Steele file.

Has there been any decision on his request for reinstatement?

Thanks.

dfb/mz
Enclosure

Sincerely,

Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive

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Dear Don

I am sending you this letter saying that i am waiting for them and it is to long. If i dont here from you or them i will be calling the D.A and have him help me with a lawsuit and i know you dont want that. I have sent one letter to Mr Love already and i know he dont want to here from me 2 so let me know.

Sincerely
James
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Northeast Region
P.O. Box 350
Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350
Telephone: (201) 821-6500
Fax: (201) 821-0810

April 27, 1990

Mr. James H. Steele
[REDACTED]

Oswego, New York 13126

Dear Mr. Steele:

This is to acknowledge your request that a Regional Review Committee be appointed to review the action taken by Hiawatha Council, Syracuse, New York, regarding your registration status with the Boy Scouts of America.

A Regional Review Committee has been appointed by the regional president. The committee will review the file and will contact you.

Sincerely,

CHARLES D. BALL
Assistant Regional Director

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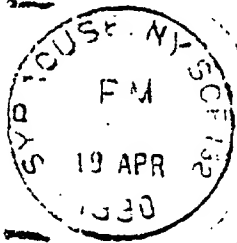
bcc: Paul Ernst - S108
Donald F. Blacker, SE
Regional Review Committee

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AMES S+PCL

SWEGO N.Y. 13126



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Mr

National Boy Scouts
Livingston Towers 75038-3096

G.O. BOX 134073
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

4/24/90

Paul Ernst

G. L. J.

no response
from us

Hal

Harold Sokolaky
214-580-2003
S400

4/17/90

Dear Mr Love,

I am writing this letter to say what is going on up here this council, I have been put on suspension for what happened out side off Boy scouts [redacted] is the what did it. Because he has a thing about father and son team in scouts, [redacted] has been denying me back to scouts. I was flayed charge off on crime what he did not do. That is another thing he won't let me back in, My dad got me in do to me being in at RJC at the time, when I was flayed charge with the crime that did not happen the other PO came to my home then let me go after 2 weeks later they charge with it. Then Don said I opened, that he had meeting about it

and did not let me sit in on
it at all. and then if it going
happen up here with Don i will
let the B.A. and have Law suit
put on Mr Blaker and i mean it,
I would like to have something
done with [REDACTED], My Dad
is mad about it to and he
wants something done to get
me back in. So i am asking
you to do get me back in to
Scout with child pretense
over and i have the no how
to give to scout if you
let me to.

your

Turley

James S. Dale



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April 16, 1990

Mr. Charles D. Ball
Assistant Regional Director
Northeast Region, BSA
[REDACTED]
Dayton, NJ 08810-0350

Dear Charlie:

I am enclosing correspondence from and regarding James Steele who was placed on the ineligible volunteer file in June 1989. We first received the letter from the Probation Officer, which, in my opinion, does not make a strong case from him. Today I received the letters from his minister, Jim himself, and some references.

I wrote back (copy is attached) that I would forward the letters to the Northeast Region for review and evaluation.

It is my opinion that, although there is probably some truth to the possibility of Jim being misdirected because of his limited intelligence, it would be a mistake to reinstate him as a volunteer.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,


Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive

dfb/mz
Enclosures

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April 16, 1990

Mr. James H. Steele

[REDACTED]
Oswego, New York 13126

Dear Mr. Steele:

I have received your letter requesting reinstatement as a volunteer in Scouting.

I am forwarding it to the Northeast Region of the BSA for their review and evaluation.

Sincerely,

dfb/mz

Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive

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April 16, 1990

The Rev. Bruce C. Lee-Clark, Pastor
Trinity United Methodist Church
East Fourth at Utica Street
Oswego, NY 13126

Dear Reverend Lee-Clark:

Thank you for your letter and related correspondence regarding Jim Steele.

I will forward this information to the Northeast Region of the Boy Scouts of America for their review and evaluation.

Sincerely,

dfb/mz

Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive

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Oswego County Probation Department

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in Office
70 Bunner Street
Oswego, New York 13126
(315) 349-3477



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Fulton, New York 13069
(315) 598-1367

Director
Thomas J. Sarchioto, C.S.W.

Supervisors
George B. Marturano
Barbara A. Mentry
Stephen F. Young

04/05/90

Donald Blacker

Syracuse, NY 13204

Re: James Steele

Dear Mr. Blacker:

On 3/7/89 James Steele appeared in the Oswego City Court and was sentenced to three years probation on the misdemeanor charges of Sexual Abuse, 2nd Degree.

While on probation Mr. Steele was to participate in counseling for sexual perpetrators. The defendant attended the Mental Health Center's 16 week program. Upon completion of the program the counselor, Les Rivkin, reported that he felt Mr. Steele had gained about as much insight into his circumstances as he is going to. Mr. Rivkin also stated that he felt Mr. Steele would most likely not be a repeat offender.

While on probation Mr. Steele was in compliance with other terms of his probation; he was to have no contact with the victim or be in the presence of minor children without probation officer approved supervision.

There was an incident whereby the Steeles were told second hand that the victim was unofficially accusing him of inappropriate picture taking. The Steeles contacted this officer and were advised to contact the authorities. Reportedly they did so and nothing more has been heard.

On 3/15/90 the Honorable James W. McCarthy granted James Steele an early honorable discharge.

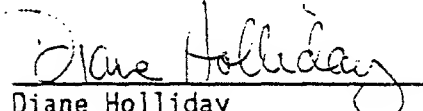
At this point in time, this officer has no reason to believe that James Steele would pose a threat to society. However, one cannot predict, nor guarantee, Mr. Steele's future for continued law-abiding behavior.

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This officer feels that Mental Health Center Counselor Les Rivkin's reference to Mr. Steele's insight ability best sums up Mr. Steele's present circumstances. Mr. Steele's apparent respect for the criminal court system just may be enough of a deterrent to ensure Mr. Steele's continued law abiding behavior.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,


Diane Holliday
Probation Officer

DH:clm

Trinity
United
Methodist Church

APR 16 1990



EAST FOURTH AT UTICA STREET

OSWEGO, NEW YORK 13126

PHONE (315) 343-1715

BRUCE C. LEE-CLARK, Pastor

April 11, 1990

Mr. Don Blacker



Dear Mr. Blacker,

I am writing to you on behalf of James Steele, and his desire to be back involved in some way in Boy Scouts. As you are aware, Jim was convicted of sexual abuse, 2nd degree in March 1989 here in Oswego. Since that time, until just recently, on probation. I believe that Jim is capable of being involved in Scouting under direct supervision - which, for other reasons I have always thought was appropriate.

I am aware of Scouting's understandable and necessary caution with regard to these matters. And yet, I believe that this case does have some mitigating circumstances which allow for some flexibility. While Jim pleaded guilty to the charge, it is not at all clear that he was, in fact, guilty of the crime. While I have not personally seen the police report, I do know the persons involved, all of them being related in some way to this church, and I cannot say that it is clear that the persons bringing the charges were acting without other motives.

I am sure that Jim was not fully aware of what was going on in the court process, because of his limited intelligence, and because his court appointed lawyer may not have been able to help him understand what was being asked of him.

Because there seems to be no patter here, and because Jim is asking for participation in Scouting that still means no contact with boys while unsupervised, I would support that request. I would appreciate your response to this request, not only sent to Jim, but shared with me, in as much as I will have a continuing relationship with him as his pastor.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Bruce C. Lee-Clark, pastor

CONF011976

March 26, 1990

Mr. Don Blacker
[REDACTED]

Syracuse, New York 13204

Dear Sir:

As you know, I was put on probation for three years for sexual abuse that I have not done. Here's what went on that night.

[REDACTED] came to my home and asked be to babysit on 9/19/87. While they went to a party. And then they told me what to do that night when it was time for her to go to bed. She did that, and then gave me a hug and a kiss, and then she went to her bedroom. Then I told her to get a toy or a doll, but she wouldn't, so I got one for her, and then she went to bed. Then, after she was in bed for two hours, I went to look in on her, but she was not in bed, and so I told her to go to sleep. When [REDACTED] came back home, I went home.

The next day, the city Police Department came and they took me in, and one week later, I was charged with the crime. After about four months of various court appearances, on the advice of my attorney, Mr. Spencer Lunnington, I pled guilty to a charge of sexual abuse, and was sentenced to 30 days in the Oswego County Jail, and three years probation.

Due to the facts of this case, I think that I should be allowed back into scouting. I hope you will consider my request positively.

Sincerely,

James Steele
James Steele

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D. C. Kocher
RR 8, Box 486
Oswego, NY 13126

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Jim Steele for about ten years, and the family for probably forty years.

I know how much his work in Scouting meant to him. It is probably the only thing he ever did that he felt capable of doing well, and I know he enjoyed it very much.

He is friendly and helpful to all to the best of his ability. I have never known Jim to be in trouble with the law except once and I will never believe him to be capable of that accusation.

In my opinion, he can be a useful member of the Scouting movement both to the boys and to himself. I'm sure he lives by the Scout oath and law.

Donald C. Kocher

Donald C. Kocher
Major, USAF Retired
Vice Pres. and Treas. Oswego Printing Co. Retired

CONF011978

Feb. 26, 1990

We have known Jim for six years and never known him to be abusive in any manner.

He is a gentle caring person & I would not hesitate to send our grandson to a troop where Jim was involved.

He is overweight but if that is our criteria for selecting leaders we won't have many, I get a little loud on occasion but so do I, in other words he is not perfect but let he who is perfect cast the first stone against his reinstatement as a leader.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Kilby

Geneseo, NY

[REDACTED]
Williamson, N.Y. 14559
February 20, 1990

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known James Stuck since he was a young boy. As a close friend of his father, Jim considered my wife and myself as "Aunt and Uncle".

Jim has always been a friendly and helpful person. Several times he has come to our cottage to give us extra help.

Of late Jim has been particularly helpful in "sitting" my wife's elderly mother when we have been in town on business. He is very considerate of her needs.

In many ways Jim exemplified the characteristics of a good man.

Sincerely,
Earl C. Kuper



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
214-580-2000

June 26, 1989

Mr. Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive
Hiawatha Council, No. 373

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James H. Steele

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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May 11, 1989

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Enclosure

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date May 11, 1989

Full name James H. Steele
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Oswego State New York Zip Code 13126

Date of birth 9/55 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 33 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion _____ Nationality _____

Occupation Unemployed

Education _____

Weight 260 lbs. Height 5'8" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single Children None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name _____

Scouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
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Ontario District Committee

Special recognition _____

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

Convicted of second degree sexual abuse.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed _____
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Hiawatha — #373



MAR 13 1989

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Attachments

Arnon C. Greif
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APPLICANT PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REVIEW OF DECISION

DENYING REGISTRATION

1. If registration is refused, the applicant may request a review of this decision. This request must be in the form of a written request from the individual which includes his or her version of the facts supporting the claim that registration should not have been denied.
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5. The applicant may - if he or she does not agree with the decision - request a review from the Regional Director.
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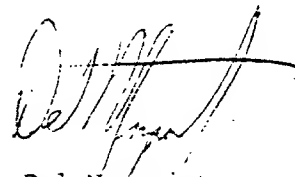
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Del Newquist
Assistant Scout Executive

READY FOR FILE

JUN 08 1990

A. GRAVES

June 7, 1990

Mr. Charles Ball
Assistant Regional Director
Northeast Region

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: REGIONAL REVIEW FILES

Dear Charlie:

In accordance with our phone conversation of June 5, 1990, I am sending you copies of the files for the individuals we discussed.

There is information attached for Michael Dougherty, Bruce Gram, James Dusseault, and James Steele.

We agreed there would be nothing sent to you on Hank Tschorn at this time, since we had practically nothing in our file. We are waiting for the material to come from you, and also any other material which the council can send us, so we have a complete file. I feel the review should not be scheduled until the council has adequately supplied our needs, especially since they now wish to reinstate him.

There was nothing in the file for Jack Hooper that you did not have.

Please let me know if I made an error anywhere, but I believe all of these are now ready to be reviewed, except for Mr. Tschorn.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Enclosures

cc: Northeast Region

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5-4-90

CHARLIE BALL

516 MICHAEL DOUGHERTY
BOKE GRAM

all
copies
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546 JAMES DUSSEAU

373 JAMES STEELE

38 HANK TSCHERN - Nothing to
be copied

368 JACK HOOVER - Nothing
to be copied

WIL - AD -
6:50
RA -
7:30 AM



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Northeast Region
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Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350
Telephone: (201) 821-6500
Fax: (201) 821-0810

April 27, 1990

Mr. James H. Steele

[REDACTED]
Oswego, New York 13126

Dear Mr. Steele:

This is to acknowledge your request that a Regional Review Committee be appointed to review the action taken by Hiawatha Council, Syracuse, New York, regarding your registration status with the Boy Scouts of America.

A Regional Review Committee has been appointed by the regional president. The committee will review the file and will contact you.

Sincerely,

CHARLES D. BALL
Assistant Regional Director

1213H(rp)

bcc: Paul Ernst - S108
Donald F. Blacker, SE
Regional Review Committee

4/17/90

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I am writing this letter to say what is going on up here this council. I have been put on suspension for what happen out side of my Boy scout Mr Don Binker is the that did it. Because he has a thing about father and son team in scouts. Mr Binker has been denying me back in to scout. I was flasey charge if a crime that he did not do that is another thing he wont let me back in. They did get me in to to me doing in at P.A. at the time. When I was flasey charge with the crime that did not happen the charge for crime to my home then let me go then 2 weeks later they charge with it. Then Don said i supered, that he had meeting about it

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it at all and then if it going
happen up here with Don I will
let the B.I. and have I saw quite
put on Mr. Blaker and I mean it
I would like to have something
done with Mr. Blaker, My Dad
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wants something done to get
my back son so I am asking
you to do get me back in to
court with child support
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to give a receipt of get
it me to.

Yours

Twyla

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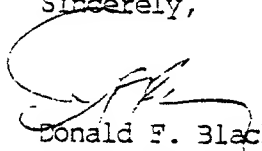
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*Added to file
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5/12/89
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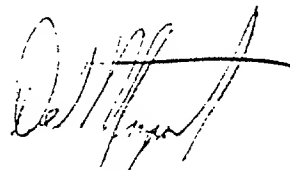
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